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The architecture and engineering industry at the forefront of tsunami relief - but a call for careful steps. - A campaign (and charter) to get more women into architecture. - A panel explores the museum of the 21st century. - The Rijksmuseum offers hard hat tours. - New Architecture Foundation HQ in London: "All hail the intelligent icon." - A welcome addition to Hanard's Science Center. - A Danish accent for London's Fourth Grace. - "Swanky" new digs for British Council Malaysia. - New mixed-use life for Art Deco tower in Minneapolis. - UCLA benefits from billionaire's beneficence. - A MoMA review: its restaurant, for a change. - Gift of a Modernist classic has Nebraska looking gift horse in the mouth. - Millennium Park is wintering fairly well. - An architect re-envisions Kansas vernacular. - I.D. magazine's Top 40 list topped by MoMA (and a few other familiar names). - Book review: "Sixteen Acres" offers "a devastating look at the pettier, narcissistic reactions to ground zero..."

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Tsunami Update: Lend an ear before lending a hand: Many are worried about the prospect of the temporary soon becoming permanent, the emergency tent and prefabcities of today the shanty towns of the future. - Architecture for Humanity; Architects without Borders; RedR (Registered Engineers for Disaster Relief); Arup; Shigeru Ban-The Times (UK)

50/50 Campaign for More Women in Architecture- BD/Building Design (UK)

The Museum as Sculpture, Statement, Economic Engine - Oh Yes, and Home for Art: "Beyond Bilbao: Museum Architecture in the 21st Century" - Foster; Gehry; Libeskind; Taniguchi; Goldberger; Lowry; etc.- New York Sun

Put on a hard hat for the Rijksmuseum: With the exception of New York's MoMA, no other museum of this stature has ever allowed the public to watch a renovation unfold. - Cruz y Ortiz arguitectos- Mail & Guardian (South Africa)

The Architecture Foundation will add to the capital's store of modern masterpieces: More thrilling still, perhaps, would have been...one of the more obscure architects on the shortlist of both the stellar avant-garde...only Hadid's design fulfils both briefs...All hail, the intelligent icon. - Zaha Hadid; MVRDV; Foreign Office Architects; Caruso St John; Tschumi; Lacaton & Vassal; a-Graft; AOC- The Times (UK)

At Harvard's Science Center, additions are part of the equation. By Robert Campbell – Josep Lluis Sert (1972); Leers Weinzapfel Associates- Boston Globe

Danish firm wins 4th Grace site: 3xnielsen selected to work up concept designs for a £65 million Museum of Liverpool...competition...was boycotted by Will Alsop - Libeskind; Chipperfield; CF Møller; Hadid- BD/Building Design (UK)

Balancing beauty and function: Cutting-edge. Swanky. Not the sort of word or phrases you'd associate with a government agency, are they? But the new British Council Malaysia building is all that and more. - Hugh Broughton Architects [images]- The Star (Malaysia)

Old Sears being reborn for urban living, working: ...redevelopment ends years of concern that the historic [Art Deco] building would be razed and replaced with big-box retail businesses. By Linda Mack - Collaborative Design Group; Cuningham Group; ESG (Elness Swenson Graham); Shea- Minneapolis Star Tribune

Billionaire's gift builds all-purpose art center: Eli Broad has a penchant for giving his money away. And this fall, UCLA art students will reap the benefits...School of the Arts and Architecture - Richard Meier- UCLA Daily Bruin

A family and a vision: ...when Bentel & Bentel, Architects/Planners was awarded the job to design MoMA's new restaurant and a cafe, it was like coming home...- NY Newsday

Gift caught in state agency crossfire: ...offered her family's unique home to the Nebraska State Historical Society...considered an outstanding example of modern architecture. - Leo A Daly [image]- Lincoln Journal Star (Nebraska)

Millennium Park's winter personality. In this, the first winter...we're finding out that the splashy collection of art and architecture looks (and works) very differently... By Blair Kamin- Chicago Tribune

Contemporary on the prairie: Architect re-envisions vernacular in steel, concrete and glass - Rockhill & Associates [images/slide show]- Lawrence Journal-World (Kansas)

L.D. Forty: MoMA's Architecture and Design Department tops this year's list of design's 40 biggest influencers. - Koolhaas; Starck; Foster; Gehry; McDonough; etc.- I.D. magazine

I.D. Forty: Living Legends: Idols who refuse to rest on their laurels - Jane Jacobs; Ettore Sottsass, Jr.; Ada Louise Huxtable; Andrée Putman; etc.- I.D. magazine

Book Review: After a Day of Terror, a Long Architectural Tug of War: "Sixteen Acres: Architecture and the Outrageous Struggle for the Future of Ground Zero" by Philip Nobel-New York Times

Castle Keep: Boston Smith & Wollensky: Elegance and Americana make a perfect recipe for a classic steakhouse. - Haverson Architecture and Design [images]- ArchNewsNow

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